

SHOP AT THE BUSY CORNER  
It's our business to sell merchandise and it's our business to reduce your living expenses. But it's your business to save money. —Business is Business.

**COME IN TODAY—NO FANCY PRICES—OLD FASHION QUALITY**

The Kind That Brings You Back For More  
Once a Customer Always a Customer

## BEFORE Stock Taking SALE Starts Today

Must reduce the stock to half in the next 5 days. It is customary with this store to take inventory at the close of every year. We wish to urge you to visit this store during your shopping trip and notice the many dollars you can save by doing your shopping now.

## FREE PRIZES

Names will be announced in Wednesday's papers of the 25 lucky children who have written Santa Claus.

"A STORE FOR THE PEOPLE"  
**HARRISON'S**  
CASH—MAIL—CREDIT  
FAIRMONT, W. VA.

A Tremendous Sale of Toys

## Barry R. Cole

Cleaning, Pressing, Repairing.  
Ladies' Work a Specialty.  
Suits Made to Measure.  
Send us your work by parcel post and let us know when you will call for it.

121 MAIN ST.  
Opp. Colonial Theatre, Over Barber Shop. Bell phone 43-J.

## New Fire Truck Is Unloaded

BUILT ESPECIALLY FOR THE CITY—TESTS ARE BEING MADE TODAY.

The city's combination chemical engine and hose truck for the fire department which had been at the local yard for several days was unloaded yesterday. Hundreds of people made an inspection of the machine.

The truck was built especially for the city of Fairmont by the American-La France Fire Engine Company, Inc., of Elmira, N. Y., and is one of the most complete fire fighting apparatus manufactured.

The manufacturers of the truck guarantee it to climb any hill in Fairmont. It has a speed of 60 miles an hour. It carries 1,200 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose and has on it one 50 gallon chemical cylinder, with 200 feet of 3/4 inch chemical hose.

Two acid receptacles are carried and one polished brass receptacle holder. Its gasoline capacity is 15 gallons. The wheel base is 140 3/4 inches, with wheels of artillery type. The big car carries two 10-inch reflector lamps. It is equipped with a locomotive bell and hand operated siren horn.

Other equipment carried consists of two three gallon Babcock fire department extinguishers, one 20 foot long extension ladder, one 12 foot roof ladder with folding hooks, four fire de-

## FLOWERS

Hayman Greenhouse Co.  
Watson Hotel Bldg.—Both Phones  
FAIRMONT, W. VA.

## For That Stuffy Feeling

TOO MUCH TURKEY.

Try Dike's Hepatic Salts—  
It will give quick relief.

## Holt Drug Co.

Where Quality and  
Cleanliness go hand in  
hand.

## THE CREDULITY OF MANKIND

Catalogue Houses Quack Doctors of Commerce.

PROMISES, NOT GUARANTEES

A Mail Order House Baron Never Shoves His Patent Leather Shoes Under a Poor Man's Table—His Victims Extend From Ocean to Ocean—From Sunrise to the Last Chance.

[Copyrighted, 1914, by Thomas J. Sullivan.]  
Said a clever quack to a painstaking business man, "How many of the passing multitude, do you suppose, appreciate your honesty or understand the impositions of quackery?"

"Not more than one in ten," was the answer.

"Well," said the quack, "you may have the one. I'll take the nine." That is the system upon which the mail order houses operate, and nothing more strikingly portrays the credulity of mankind than their success. Quackery is a thing universal and universally successful. In most cases it is literally true that no imposition is too great for the credulity of man.

The Quack Doctor of Commerce. The retail mail order house is the quack doctor of commerce. It promises much and guarantees nothing. Like patent medicines, the directions are always on the inside, and you must buy a nonreturnable package before you can find out what they are.

The mail order house never helped to build the little white school in your district or turnpike the road past your door. No mail order house ever took you by the hand when you were in distress and told you to let the little account run until after harvest next year. No mail order house ever sold you a vehicle and spent every cent of its profits in the community where you and your neighbors could get it all back again. No mail order house ever shovels its patent leather shoes under your table and rejoiced with you when you were glad, nor spoke encouraging words when affliction visited you, nor stood with uncovered head beside the graves of your children.

Sentiment is Unknown. That the mail order houses are after your money is an undisputed fact. Every dollar sent to them leaves your neighborhood poorer. The mail order house may bear upon its face the semblance of friendship, but no human heart beats under its cloak of hypocrisy. Sentiment to it is unknown. The whole institution is as cold and bloodless as a corpse.

There never was a farm in all Christendom whose value was increased by the mail order houses. They are parasites to which life is worthy of notice only while they can draw the financial blood out of the communities, to the upbuilding of which they contribute nothing. They create no local market for the product of the farms. They have no property in the country which can be assessed to help bear the burden of taxation.

Can Duplicate Every Offer. In every town in the country the local retail merchant stands ready to duplicate every offer seductively set forth in the catalogues of mail order houses, and more. He will trump the best trick the mail order house ever played if you will put down spot cash and accept from him a class of goods and devoid of respectable ancestry, and upon which no reputable manufacturer's name can be found, but in which the disease germs of prison made goods are secreted.

He can sell cheap goods if you will buy them from him with your eyes shut. He can meet the best price ever made by a mail order house if you will plunk down your money and accept what he gives you without question and without recourse. But you must not expect him to be in his place of business every day in the year, ready and willing to stand back of every article he sells with his own reputation and the warranty of a responsible company.

Local Merchant Needs No Advocate. The local merchant needs neither advocate nor defense. His methods rest upon principles that have built up in this country a system of internal commerce which is both the marvel and the admiration of the world. His business is legitimate because its success contributes to the general prosperity of the community in which it stands as a thriving example of honesty and industry.

It does not require that a man shall be endowed with unusual mental attainments for him to know that a private monopoly in restraint of trade, designed to wring extortionate profits from consumers, is detrimental to the best interests of the patrons of that industry. Any combination organized for the purpose of smothering competition, whether it be of capitalists, captains of industry, laborers, farmers, warehousemen, transportation lines or any other branch of the business world, is essentially unethical, unwise and destructive of business in the end.

The honest consumer must put himself enthusiastically on the back when he spends his money in such a way that in supplying his own wants he is helping to build up the community in which he lives.

If you want the BEST STOVE OR GRATE COAL telephone your orders to McCoy COAL COMPANY; prompt delivery guaranteed.

Phones: Office  
Bell 129  
Consol. 128  
Mine: Bell 788-7  
11-20-a. o. w. u.

## IF BACK HURTS USE SALTS FOR KIDNEYS

Eat Less Meat if Kidneys Feel Like Lead or Bladder Bothers.

Most folks forget that the kidneys, like the bowels, get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders.

You simply must keep your kidneys active and clean, and the moment you feel an ache or pain in the kidney region, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is harmless to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity. It also neutralizes the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is harmless; inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia water drink which everybody should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean, thus avoiding serious complications.

A well known local druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.

## ACCUSED SLAYER TO GRAND JURY

KINGWOOD MAN HELD WITHOUT BOND IN PRELIMINARY HEARING SATURDAY.

WIFE ACCUSED OF COMPLICITY BUT WAS RELEASED FROM CUSTODY.

KINGWOOD, Dec. 28.—In a preliminary hearing held here before Justice John H. Wierich, J. M. Pyle was held to await the action of the Preston county grand jury without bond on the charge of murdering his brother, Alonzo Pyles. Mrs. Dora Pyles, wife of the accused, who was arrested with him Sunday and held in the county jail since that time on the charge of being an accomplice, was released. The hearing was held in the Preston county court house, and owing to the prominence of the parties involved, the room was filled to overflowing.

Alonzo Pyles was shot through the abdomen on the evening of December 18, 1914, and strong suspicion has been cast upon his brother, with whom the deceased is said to have quarreled. The case has created more interest than any other in the history of the county.

Attorneys M. E. Parrack, of Tunnelton, and O. E. Wychoff, of Grafton, are counsel for the defense, and Prosecuting Attorney A. G. Hughes represents the state. About a dozen witnesses were examined, but the only witness to the affair was Mrs. Pyles.

**FIRST WARD NEWS**

Entertained at Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Congh of Maryland avenue entertained at dinner yesterday. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Melville Merrifield and children, Mrs. Priscilla Merrifield and Mr. Thos. Merrifield of Las Vegas, New Mexico. Mr. Merrifield who arrived here last Wednesday to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Priscilla Merrifield left today for Las Vegas.

Child Very Ill.

Helen, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stealey is very ill. A trained nurse is caring for the child.

Personal.

Mrs. Carrie Strauser and two daughters returned to their homes at Charleston, Pa., Saturday after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. John Kisner on Maryland avenue.

Mr. Albert Boggess went to Pittsburgh to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Alta Travis of Ridgedale, returned home yesterday after a short visit with her father, Mr. Liberty Travis.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Moran returned Saturday evening from a visit with relatives at Morgantown.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Harrington of Stevens street spent Friday with the former's mother at Independence.

Mr. Cecil G. Rice has returned to Pittsburgh after a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Rice on Guffey street.

Miss Edna Hamilton of Morgantown who has been the guest of Miss Gladys Henderson has gone to Tunnelton for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dunnington have returned from a visit at Grafton. Miss Georgia Crites has returned to Camden on the Gauley after a week's visit at her home here.

Mr. Austin Stealey spent Saturday at Grafton.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Wilson and children of Clarksburg were guests of Mrs. E. A. Wilson yesterday.

Watch Party.  
The members of the Hope Sewing

## "The Exclusive Specialty Store for Women's Apparel"

Store of Style  
and Quality.

Prices the very lowest.

**Courtney's**  
CORRECT DRESS FOR WOMEN

Our Store Closes  
at 5:30.

Saturdays at 10 p. m.

## After Christmas ONE-HALF PRICE SALE

## 400 Newest Garments



## Pay 1/2 Original Prices On Coats, Suits, Dresses and Skirts Sale To-Morrow (Tuesday) Dec. 29

# 1-2 OFF

Hundreds of high class new 1914 garments still bearing the original price ticket from which you deduct one-half and pay the balance, thus saving from \$5.00 to \$25.00 on each purchase.

# 1-2 OFF

Coats, Suits, Dresses, originally \$10.00—1/2 off—You pay	\$ 5.00
Coats, Suits, Dresses, originally \$12.50—1/2 off—You pay	6.25
Coats, Suits, Dresses, originally \$15.00—1/2 off—You pay	7.50
Coats, Suits, Dresses, originally \$18.00—1/2 off—You pay	9.00
Coats, Suits, Dresses, originally \$20.00—1/2 off—You pay	10.00
Coats, Suits, Dresses, originally \$22.50—1/2 off—You pay	11.25
Coats, Suits, Dresses, originally \$25.00—1/2 off—You pay	12.50
Coats, Suits, Dresses, originally \$30.00—1/2 off—You pay	15.00
Coats, Suits, Dresses, originally \$35.00—1/2 off—You pay	17.50
Coats, Suits, Dresses, originally 40.00—1/2 off—You pay	20.00
Coats, Suits, Dresses, originally \$45.00—1/2 off—You pay	22.50
Coats, Suits, Dresses, originally \$50.00—1/2 off—You pay	25.00

Dress Skirts, originally \$ 3.95—1/2 off—You pay	\$1.98
Dress Skirts, originally \$ 5.00—1/2 off—You pay	2.50
Dress Skirts, originally \$ 6.50—1/2 off—You pay	3.25
Dress Skirts, originally \$ 7.50—1/2 off—You pay	3.75
Dress Skirts, originally \$10.00—1/2 off—You pay	5.00
Dress Skirts, originally \$12.00—1/2 off—You pay	6.00

For Each Garment—You Pay Half.

## MILLINERY

All Hats, originally \$5.00 to \$7.50, your choice at . . . \$2.00  
Stylish Hats, originally sold at \$8.50 to \$12.00, Your Pick at . . . \$4.00  
Every Pattern Hat, originally sold at \$15.00 to \$35.00, at HALF PRICE.

There are all sizes in these Garments for Women and Misses. The wise shopper will be here before noon for first choice.

Alterations Free—Notwithstanding Enormous Reductions. This is an additional saving of 50c to \$2.00.

## N. B. No Reservations, Approvals Exchanged or Returned

Circle will be entertained on Thursday evening at a Watch party at the home of Miss Eva May on Haymond street.

Y. M. W. Club.

Mrs. Earl Amos of Walnut avenue will entertain the Y. M. W. Club on Wednesday afternoon. At this meeting the Club Christmas box will be opened, and a very enjoyable meeting is anticipated.

Hippodrome Theater.

An all star holiday program will be the attraction at the Hippodrome theater the first three days. Brewer and Simmons offer a comedy singing and talking specialty called "The Swedish Secordwoman." This is a screamingly

funny skit, and it is sure to please. Miss Simmons is a comedienne of rare ability and Brewer possesses a rich tenor voice that will be heard to advantage. Lee, Dalton and Brook, "The Melody Trio," are two clever girls and a boy, who present a harmony singing specialty that is 18 carat fine. Brock Brothers and Edna have a comedy horizontal bar gymnastic act entitled, "A Few Minutes With the Soldiers." This is a first class vaudeville attraction and is well worthy of being the feature attraction in this star program. This bill will be offered on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with a complete change on Thursday.

Wayne Noy spent Sunday with friends in Clarksburg.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Citizens Dollar Savings Bank, of Fairmont, West Virginia, will be held at its banking room, Main Street, in the city of Fairmont, county of Marion and State of West Virginia, on the second Monday in Jan., 1915, being the 11th day of said month, between the hours of twelve and three p. m. for the transaction of such business as may be properly brought before an Annual Stockholders meeting.

C. W. STEEL,  
Cashier.